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D-81925 München (DE)(54) **Coated hard-alloy blade member.**(57) A coated hard alloy blade member is disclosed which includes a substrate formed of a hard alloy of a WC-based cemented carbide or a TiCN-based cermet, and a hard coating deposited on the substrate. The hard coating includes an inner layer of TiCN having unilaterally grown crystals of an elongated shape and an outer layer of Al₂O₃ having a crystal form x or $x + \alpha$ wherein $x > \alpha$. The resulting blade member is highly resistant to wear and fracturing, and possesses cutting ability of a higher level.